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SUBJ: QATARI OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS ON SHEEHAN ARTICLE

1. DURING MARCH 10 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, QATARI MINISTER OF EDUCATION SHAYKH JASIM BIN HAMAD AL THANI COMMENTED ON SHEEHAN "FOREIGN POLICY" ARTICLE'S CONTENTION THAT PRESIDENTS NIXON AND FORD AND SECRETARY HAD INDICATED U.S. POSITION WAS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO PRE-1967 LINES. SHAYKH JASIM STATED THAT IF U.S. PREPARED TO BACK THIS POSITION, PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF MID EAST CRISIS IS ASSURED. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT U.S. POSITION ON WITHDRAWAL WAS LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN SC RESOLUTION 242.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ON HOW PALESTINIANS WOULD FIT IN TO SOLUTION, JASIM SAID THAT CREATION OF PALESTINIAN STATE WOULD

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INEVITABLY FOLLOW WITHDRAWAL TO '67 LINES, BUT THAT IN

ANY CASE SATISFACTION OF ARABS LONGSTANDING DEMAND FOR TOTAL
WITHDRAWAL WOULD MAKE ANY POSSIBILITY OF PALESTINIAN OBSTRUCTION
OF SETTLEMENT UNTHINKABLE.

3. COMMENT: JASIM IS AMIR'S OLDER BROTHER AND IS CONSIDERED
MOST MILITANT SUPPORTER OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE WITHIN RULING
FAMILY. HE HAS CLOSE TIES WITH AND IS RESPECTED BY PLO, SO
HIS VIEWS HAVE SOME SIGNIFICANCE.
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